

### REMARKS

Claims 3, 5 and 31 have been canceled in this paper. Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11, 16-18, 25-29, 32, 34 and 40 have been amended in this paper. No new claims have been added in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-2, 4, 6-30 and 32-40 are pending and under active consideration.

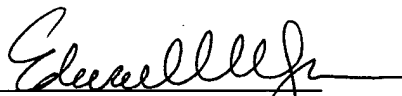
The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application, namely, USSN 09/909,442.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 11-1755. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 that is not accounted for already, such an extension of time is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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